

classes, schools that are in proper repair, schools that are ready to access the Internet. We need to invest there. The Republicans do not see it that way. They have a narrow view that makes draconian cuts in important programs. They do not protect our important investments. I believe we ought to reject the extreme Republican perspective.

UNLV'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF TEAM

(Mr. ENSIGN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to congratulate the golf team from the University of Nevada Las Vegas who last week brought the national championship home to Nevada. The Rebel golf team won the tournament in style, shooting an NCAA record 34 under par as a team.

College golf might not capture the attention of sports fans across the country like basketball or football does, but I can assure my colleagues that these young athletes train just as hard and strive to win just as much as any other competitors. Senior Bill Lunde, juniors Charley Hoffman and Chris Berry, sophomore Jeremy Anderson and freshman Scott Lander not only excelled under the intense pressure of the national championship but conducted themselves with honor and sportsmanship. Head coach Dwayne Knight has realized a goal he stated 10 years ago when he told our community he would build a national championship team.

I want to congratulate the UNLV Rebel golf team. They have made the city of Las Vegas and the great State of Nevada proud and are carrying forward the strong tradition of athletic success at UNLV.

VOTE NO ON ISTOOK AMENDMENT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there is no more sacred right that we have in this country than the right each and every American takes when they go into their house of worship. The first amendment has made this Nation unique. I stand here very proudly acknowledging and embracing the uniqueness of the American flag and what it provides for us. Freedom. Freedom to sing "Jesus loves me this I know." Freedom to cross one's heart, to pay attention to one's orthodox views, whatever one might believe in. We applaud it.

That is why I stand today humbly before this House asking for a resounding vote against the Istook amendment, for it is not religious freedom, it is religious oppression. For our children today pray every day in their schools.

They have organized prayer groups around the Nation. I would venture to say that everyone who takes any kind of exam in school, I would say to them, you had better pray. Pray in the school. Pray at home. Prayer is available. Freedom of religion is available. The Istook amendment will take that away from you.

UNFAIRNESS IN TAX CODE: MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this year's balanced budget. I think these questions best state why:

Do Americans feel that it is right that the average working married couple pays more in taxes just because they are married? Do Americans feel that it is fair, is it right, that 21 million married working couples pay on the average of \$1,400 more in higher taxes than an identical couple that lives together outside of marriage? Of course not.

Americans recognize the marriage tax penalty is wrong and we need to correct the marriage tax penalty. Twenty-one million married working couples, \$1,400 more in higher taxes. \$1,400 is one year's tuition at Joliet Junior College in the district that I represent. It is 3 months of day care at a local day care center.

This budget, the budget crafted by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KASICH) makes elimination of the marriage tax penalty priority number one, helping 21 million married working families who just happen to be married and just because they are married, they pay higher taxes. Let us pass this budget. It deserves bipartisan support.

BUDGET RESOLUTION IS NOT BASED ON BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, today we have real irony, because we are both going to vote on prayer in the schools and a budget that cuts Medicare and support and medical care for those less fortunate in our society.

This budget was put together with one hearing. They wanted to put \$10 billion in cuts on Medicare. Last night, in the middle of the night, they took that out and they have now gone after the poor.

I think the majority really ought to have had some religious education, because the Bible says, in Matthew 25, verse 35, "When I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Then it goes on to say:

And the king replied, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did to one of the

least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Mr. Speaker, it is nice to talk about prayer in the schools, but you ought to have public policy that reflects what you believe. This budget that goes after the poor, that goes after the sick, that goes after the disabled is not a budget based on biblical principles.

SUPPORT THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot of talk about the extremist budget by the extremists in the House, the radical Republicans.

Let us take a little walk down history's lane. One hundred thirty years ago, the opponents of a better America were calling the Republicans radical. They were calling them extreme.

Mr. Speaker, it was the radical Republicans who fought for and succeeded in passing the 13th amendment to abolish slavery, the 14th amendment to guarantee the right to life, liberty and the ownership of property, and the 15th amendment to give all citizens the right to vote. They were called radical Republicans, with extremist ideas.

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So when you hear the opponents of a better America say the Republican budget is extreme, it attacks the poor, remember history, remember our heritage. It is not extreme to protect Social Security, it is not extreme to limit the growth of the Federal Government, it is not extreme to provide a little tax relief for Americans. It is just common sense.

So I urge my colleagues to support the budget resolution.

SHOW US YOUR CUTS

(Ms. DELAURO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget is a sham, rosy scenarios in cuts that will be named later, a plan that would unravel the bipartisan balanced budget agreement. But just do not take my word for it. Here is what other Republicans are saying about the GOP smoke and mirrors.

Quote: "I can tell you there is no way for this committee to carry out its business in the next 5 years under the Kasich plan." That is the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Here is what the Washington Post says about the Republican budget, and I quote: "To promise an election year tax cut on the strength of unlikely spending cuts to be named later, all the while preaching fiscal responsibility, would be a triple fraud."

Let us end the triple fraud. We know where the Republican cuts will come, if